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SUBJECT: HUNGARY AND THE MTN

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1. IN A BRIEF MEETING WITH NYERGES MAY 17 AT HIS INITI-
ATIVE (REFTEL) HE TOLD US HUNGARY HAS NO INTENTION OF
ACCEPTING EC REQUEST FOR SECTORAL IMPORT COMMITMENT EITHER
ON GATT-WIDE BASIS OR ON DISCRIMINATORY BASIS IN FAVOR OF
EC. HE ASKED IF U.S. CONTINUED TO OPPOSE SICS AND WE CON-
FIRMED THAT WAS THE CASE. NYERGES INDICATED HE DID NOT
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PLAN TO REPLY DIRECTLY TO EC REQUEST BUT SIMPLY REFER TO
HUNGARY'S OFFER TO CUT ITS TARIFFS PER THE WORKING HYPO-
THESIS.

2. COMMENT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE CONCERNING PROS-
PECTS FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF U.S.-HUNGARIAN TRADE
AGREEMENT BEFORE JULY 15. IF THIS IS LIKELY, DO WE INTEND

TO FILE NTM REQUESTS FOR HUNGARIAN ACTION ALONG LINES OF REQUESTS WE HAVE FILED WITH POLAND AND ROMANIA? BIGGER POLICY QUESTION IS WHETHER WE WISH TO NEGOTIATE IN MTN ON HUNGARIAN TARIFF IF TIME PERMITS BETWEEN RESTORATION OF U.S.-HUNGARIAN BILATERAL MFN RELATIONS AND END OF MTN. WE RECALL EC AND OTHERS DID NEGOTIATE SOME REDUCTIONS OF HUNGARIAN TARIFF WHEN HUNGARY ACCEDED TO GATT, BUT EC IS NOT INTERESTED IN NEGOTIATING TARIFF REDUCTIONS WITH HUNGARY IN MTN. NYERGES HINTED HE WOULD BE RECEPTIVE TO SPECIFIC U.S. TARIFF REQUESTS ON ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO U.S. WE GOT THE IMPRESSION THE HUNGARIAN OFFER TO CUT ITS TARIFF VIA THE FORMULA IS LIKELY TO BE WITHDRAWN BECAUSE HUNGARY'S MAIN TRADING PARTNER (EC) IS UNLIKELY TO RESPOND FAVORABLY TO HUNGARY'S TARIFF AND NTM REQUESTS ADDRESSED TO EC, AND HUNGARY WILL DECLINE EC SIC REQUESTS. LINE EC

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